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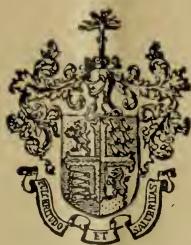
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TO THE  
MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS  
OF THE  
COUNTY BOROUGH OF BOURNEMOUTH.

Gentlemen,

The Public Libraries Committee have the honour to submit their Nineteenth Annual Report for the year ending 31st March, 1912.

CENTRAL LIBRARY.

Since the last report information has been received that the Local Government Board have given their consent to the loan of £7,000 for the building; and that the sanction of the Board of Education to the allocation of part of the Lansdowne site for the purposes of a Library has been obtained, and also agreeing to the amount of £1,320 as the purchase price, which sum it will be remembered was arrived at by mutual arrangement with the Libraries Committee and the Education Committee. A further application has been made for a loan for the various fittings and furniture required. It is with great regret that the Committee see no prospect of their being able to move into the new building in the autumn as they anticipated, owing to the unexpected delay on the part of the Contractors.

The Committee earnestly urge the Council to lose no opportunity to hasten the erection of the Library, as it will be a most inconvenient matter for them to close for any length of time for the purpose of removal during the winter.

## REFERENCE LIBRARY.

A report was prepared and presented by the Chief Librarian, formulating a scheme for adding to the stock, and building up a thoroughly representative Reference Library on a systematic basis, which received the hearty approval of the Committee.

Monthly lists are prepared according to a set scheme and submitted for the consideration of the Books Committee, and it is anticipated that by the September meeting these lists will be exhausted. The books are purchased on the method suggested in the scheme, and it is expected that the majority will probably be obtained by the spring of 1914. The greater part of the estimate allowed for books will be devoted to the purchase of the Reference Library additions. The result will be a compact and exceedingly useful and practical Reference Library, which the Committee venture to predict will be a useful adjunct to the educational facilities of the town, and prove of lasting benefit to the residents and the numerous visitors to the district, and add one more to the many attractions offered by the municipality.

## BRANCHES.

It is a source of gratification that the branches maintain their popularity, which is made more evident on reference to the tables of issues accompanying this report, especially in the case of Winton, where the population is almost entirely of the artisan class. So popular has this branch become that at times during the winter months the services of three assistants are required. Unfortunately there is nothing to report respecting any prospective scheme to enable the Council to take advantage of the remaining part of Mr. Carnegie's generous offer of £2,000 for a branch at West-

bourne. The work at this end of the Borough is retarded as the accommodation provided in the temporary premises is altogether inadequate and unsuitable for the type of residents in the western district. It is hoped that the whole scheme of libraries will be completed in time for the Library Association Conference, whch is to be held here in September next year; but this will only be possible by immediate action being taken to secure a site for Westbourne. The Committee are pleased to report that they have been able to dispose of the lease of the old premises at Boscombe.

#### LIBRARY RATE.

It is with great pleasure that the Committee express to the Council their thanks for acceding to their request "that the product of the penny rate be allocated for Library purposes," instead of the income being confined within the limits of an estimate made fourteen months previously. The decision has added considerably to the resources of the Committee, but in view of the loan charges and other heavy expenditure, it will still be a constant strain to keep the five libraries properly equipped. The Committee feel that the Council realise the difficulties, and they wish to convey their grateful thanks.

#### DONATIONS.

Many interesting donations have been made by Mr. James E. Liddiard, F.R.G.S., principally consisting of Australasian, Japanese and Chinese specimens of printing, etc. The Committee are indebted to Mrs. Reid Martin for the gift of 41 volumes of books for the blind in the Braille type. The Library now contains 306 volumes of blind literature; but the experience here is somewhat

similar to that of other towns in respect to the small use made of the books. The Library Association is dealing with this matter, and a special committee has been formed with the object of presenting a full report at the Liverpool Conference. Other donations are recorded later in the report.

### JOHN B. M. CAMM MUSIC LIBRARY.

During the year valuable additions to this Library have been made by Mr. Camm, and the Committee have pleasure in once more expressing their thanks to that gentleman for his generous gifts, which will increase in value and utility as time goes on. The Library is now being catalogued by the Chief Librarian, and it is his object to make the cards bear sufficient information to render the collection of greater educational value to music students. The Music Room should prove of immense benefit to music lovers and all interested in music, for it is understood that no library of this nature is in existence in any public library in this country. Many libraries, especially the larger ones, have collections of music, but not anything like the number of orchestral scores which the Camm Collection consists of. Its importance from a musical standpoint as well as its intrinsic worth emphasizes the munificence of the donor.

### COMMITTEE.

Changes in the constitution of the Committee during the year were made owing to the resignation of Mr. Walter Child Clark, a co-opted member, and the retirement of Councillor J. D. Mackenzie and Councillor J. H. Ralph Smythe. To fill the vacancies Alderman H. S. McCalmont Hill, D.C.L. (Mayor); Sir Daniel Morris, K.C.M.G.; and Mr. J. H. Ralph Smythe were appointed by the Council.

## ISSUES.

The opening of the new building at Boscombe had an immediate and striking effect on the issues, and the increase for the year amounted to 29,063. The increased output at the Winton Branch totalled 3,994, which is extremely satisfactory. The total issues from all the Libraries aggregated 357,641 (an increase over the previous year of 24,595), or 4.47 per head of population, against an average of 1.80 for the whole country. The proportion of stock to population shows over 50 books per hundred of the population against the average of 30; borrowers are nearly 14 per cent. of the inhabitants against an average of 6; and there are nearly 4 books to each borrower. Issues per borrower were almost 33; and the whole stock was turned over nearly nine times. The number of registered borrowers is 10,882, and in addition there are 1,529 with students' extra tickets which are only available for books other than fiction.

## STAFF.

The Staff continue to give every satisfaction; and it will be noted on another page that the seniors are continuing their studies to enable them to secure the certificates of the Library Association. Every encouragement is given by the Committee, who recognise that the study necessary to pass the examinations benefits not only the staff, but the Library and its borrowers.

R. Y. BANKS, Chairman.

CHAS. RIDDLE, Chief Librarian.

## Memoranda.

Population of Bournemouth, 1911 (estimated) 80,000.  
 Area of Borough, 5,850 acres.  
 Rateable Value of Borough, £730,000.  
 Public Libraries Acts adopted 11th March, 1893.  
 Committee first appointed 21st March, 1893.  
 First Librarian appointed, 7th June, 1894.  
 Lending Library, News Room, and Boscombe Branch Reading Room,  
     opened 1st January, 1895.  
 Westbourne and Springbourne News Rooms opened November, 1897.  
 Travelling Library established 10th January, 1898.  
 Permanent Branch Libraries established January, 1899.  
 Central Library, 2, Stanhope Gardens, opened 21st October, 1901.  
 Winton Temporary Branch News Room opened 8th February, 1905.  
 Winton Library opened, 26th October, 1907.  
 Springbourne Library opened 27th March, 1909.  
 Boscombe Library, opened 22nd June, 1910.  
 "John B. M. Camm Music Library" presented 1st November, 1910.

## Committee.

*Chairman:* MR. R. Y. BANKS.

*Vice-Chairman:* MR. J. A. TOONE

MR. A. J. ABBOTT, J.P.	SIR DANIEL MORRIS, K.C.M.G
CR. COL. R. F. GODFREY.	ALD. W. SHEPPARD.
ALD. S. MCCALMONT HILL, D.C.L. <small>(Mayor).</small>	MR. J. H. R. SMYTHE, J.P.
REV. J. D. JONES, M.A., B.D. <small>(Chairman of Books Sub-Committee).</small>	CR. T. TAME <small>(Chairman of Finance and General            Purposes Sub-Committee).</small>
ALD. C. H. MATE.	MR. C. J. WHITTING.

## Officers.

*Librarian and Secretary:* CHARLES RIDDLE.

*Sub-Librarian:* HUGH STEVENSON.

*Senior Assistants:*

LEWIS G. CORNER.	PERCY BENNETT.	ERNEST ROBERTS.
W. GEORGE FRY.	HENRY COCKBURN.	ARCHIBALD GRITTEN.
EDGAR OSBORNE.	LEONARD PULLEN.	FRANK PARK.
KENNETH RYDE.	ERNEST H. PERRETT.	LIONEL STURMER.

*Caretaker Central:* E. WILSON.

*Caretaker Boscombe Branch:* EDWARD JONES.

*Caretaker Springbourne Branch:* J. STEVENS.

*Caretaker Winton Branch:* J. RATCLIFFE.

**Attendances of Committee for year ending  
31st March, 1912.**

	Number of Meetings.	12	11	11	3	37
		Public Libraries	Books Sub-Committee.	Finance & Gen. Purposes Sub-C.	Special Sub-Committees.	Total of Attendances.
Mr. R. Y. Banks, <i>Chairman</i>	...	11	9	10	3	33
Mr. J. A. Toone, <i>Vice-Chairman</i>	...	10	10	4	2	26
Mr. A. J. Abbott, J.P.	...	7	—	6	2	15
Mr. Walter C. Clark, <i>Resigned 9th November, 1911</i>	...	—	—	—	—	—
Cr. Col. R. F. Godfrey	...	4	2	—	—	6
Ald. S. McCalmont Hill, D.C.L. ( <i>Mayor</i> ), <i>Appointed 9th November, 1911</i>	...	3	1	1	—	5
Rev. J. D. Jones, M.A., B.D.	...	6	5	—	—	11
Mr. B. D. Mackenzie, <i>Resigned 9th November, 1911</i>	...	6	—	6	—	12
Ald. C. H. Mate, J.P.	...	8	6	—	—	14
Sir Daniel Morris, K.C.M.G., <i>Appointed 9th November, 1911</i>	...	4	4	—	—	8
Ald. W. Sheppard	...	6	—	5	—	11
Cr. J. H. Ralph Smythe, J.P.	...	10	7	—	—	17
Cr. Thomas Tame	...	12	—	10	—	22
Mr. C. J. Whitting	...	11	8	—	—	19

**Library Association Examinations.**

**Certificates held by Present Staff.**

Section II. Bibliography and Book-selection.  
W. Geo. Fry.

Section III. Classification.  
Lewis G. Corner, W. Geo. Fry, Kenneth Ryde.

Section IV. Cataloguing.  
Lewis G. Corner, W. Geo. Fry, Edgar Osborne (with merit), Kenneth Ryde.

Section V. Library History, Law, and Organization.  
Edgar Osborne.

Section VI. Library Routine.  
Hugh Stevenson, Lewis G. Corner, Edgar Osborne,  
Kenneth Ryde, Percy Bennett.

**Yearly Issues from All Departments since  
the Opening in 1895.**

YEAR.	CENTRAL.		BRANCHES.	TOTALS.
	LENDING.	REFERENCE.		
1895	187738	—	—	187738
1896	142588	724	—	143312
1897	140502	787	—	141289
1898	128320	1178	11277	140775
1899	119647	1236	15970	136853
1900	117351	3589	22832	143772
1901	119198	9759	40232	169189
1902	137141	11364	52101	200606
1903	146886	16298	56000	219184
1904	146105	13275	51133	210513
1905	148776	13281	52054	214111
1906	151262	13664	55669	220595
1907	154745	15852	66057	236654
1908	158632	15980	97984	272546
1909	157018	14192	128123	299333
1910	155153	17586	160307	333046
1911	150913	17046	189682	357641
1895—1911	2411975	165761	999421	3577157

## Number and Classification of Books in all Departments.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	TOTALS
	Philosophy and Religion and Topography and Travel.	History and Biography.	Social Science, Politics and Education.	Natural and Sciences.	Fine and Decorative Arts.	Useful Arts.	Literature and Language and Literature.	Poetry and Drama.	Prose Fiction and Juvenile.	Miscellaneous and Collected Works		
Central Lending	938	1606	2874	838	1394	1330	918	445	716	9466	1438	21963
Central Reference	317	395	505	206	724	469	343	145	225	153	749	4231
Boscombe Branch	138	502	797	217	403	293	241	85	123	3256	266	6371
Westbourne do.	37	152	245	43	141	47	65	20	46	1358	70	2224
Springbourne do.	55	228	392	94	214	72	188	54	53	1793	122	3265
Winton do.	59	173	217	63	192	68	137	39	61	1900	124	3033
Books in Embossed Type	61	...	20	...	1	11	1	23	33	22	134	306
Totals ...	1655	3056	5050	1461	3069	2290	1893	811	1257	17948	2903	41393

## Number and Classification of Books added. April 1st, 1911, to March 31st, 1912.

Central Lending	28	92	125	61	62	133	62	38	39	287	36	913
Central Reference	9	14	16	5	29	45	72	6	6	36	8	246
Boscombe Branch	24	61	74	16	28	11	12	3	19	389	22	659
Westbourne do.	1	11	17	12	9	4	4	—	—	84	6	148
Springbourne do.	6	7	12	2	9	7	6	4	4	97	6	160
Winton do.	2	12	14	4	5	1	4	—	3	115	4	164
Books in Embossed Type	61	...	20	...	1	11	1	23	33	22	134	306
Totals ...	131	197	278	100	143	212	161	74	104	980	216	2596

Table of Issues from all Departments. January 1st to December 31st, 1911.

NAME OF LIBRARY.	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	J	K	L	TOTALS
	Religion and Philosophy.	Topography and Travel.	History and Biography.	Social Science, and Education.	Natural and Man-made Sciences.	Fine and Applied Arts.	Useful Arts.	Literature and Drama.	Poetry and Prose Fiction, and Detective.	Miscellaneous Works.		
Central Lending	2237	5750	6932	1607	3461	4716	3006	1271	1825	115313	4795	150913
Central Reference	619	4219	1758	727	1056	1399	1036	1961	1138	119	3014	17046
Boscombe Branch	811	3586	3865	510	1854	1800	1310	441	609	85871	2531	103098
Westbourne Branch	84	443	514	46	163	54	54	11	66	10360	125	11920
Springbourne Branch	138	790	917	144	595	235	637	158	181	26787	371	30903
Winton Branch	266	1047	1118	190	695	317	757	166	202	38121	882	43761
Totals ...	4155	15835	15104	3224	7824	8521	6800	4008	4021	276431	11718	357461

Comparative Annual Issues.

	1911		1910		Increase		Decrease	
	1911	1910	1910	1911	1911	1910	1910	1911
Central Lending	...	...	150913	155153	—	—	4240	
Central Reference	...	...	17046	17586	—	—	540	
Boscombe Branch	...	...	103098	74035	—	—	—	
Westbourne Branch	...	...	11920	13194	—	—	1274	
Springbourne Branch	...	...	30903	33311	—	—	2408	
Winton Branch...	...	...	43761	39767	—	—	3994	
Totals ...	357641	333046			Total Increase	333046	Total Increase	24595

## List of Periodicals.

Dailies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.	Weeklies.					
						Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.	
Bournemouth Daily Echo	1	1	1	1	1	British Weekly ...	...	1	1	1	1
Daily Chronicle	...	1	1	1	1	Broad Arrow ...	...	1			
Daily Graphic	...	1	1	1	1	Builder ...	...	1	1	1	1
Daily Mail	...	1	1	1	1	Building News ...	...	1	1	1	†1
Daily News	...	1	1	1	1	Bystander ...	...	1			
Daily Telegraph	...	1	1	1	1	Canada ...	...	1	†1		
Financial News...	...	1		1		Carpenter and Builder ...	...	1			1
Financier and Bullionist	1					Catholic Times ...	...	1	1		
Globe ...	...	1	1			Christchurch Times ...	...	1			
Morning Leader	...	1	1	1	1	Christian World ...	...	1	1		1
Morning Post	...	1	1			Church Times ...	...	1	1		
Pall Mall Gazette	...	1	1			Civil Service Gazette ...	...	1			
Standard ...	...	1	1	1	1	Country Life ...	...	1	1		
Times ...	...	1	1	1	1	Cycling ...	...	1	1		
Westminster Gazette	...	1	1			Economist ...	...	1	*1		
<b>Semi-Weeklies.</b>						Electrician ...	...	1	*1		
Bournemouth Directory	1	1	1	1	1	Engineering ...	...	1			†1
Bournemouth Guardian	1	1	1	1	1	English Mechanic ...	...	1	1		1
<b>Weeklies.</b>						Exchange and Mart ...	...	1	1	1	1
Those marked (*) are transferred mid-weekly.						Feathered World ...	...	1			
Those marked (†) are transferred at end of week.						Field ...	...	1	1	†1	†1
Aero ...	...				1	Fishing Gazette ...	...	1			
Alliance News ...	...	1				Garden ...	...	1	1		
Amateur Gardening ...	...		1	1	1	Gardeners' Chronicle ...	...	1	*1		
Architect ...	...	1	*1			Gentlewoman ...	...	1	1		
Athenæum ...	...	1	*1			Graphic ...	...	1	1	1	1
Autocar ...	...		1	1		Gnardian ...	...	1	1		
Birmingham Weekly Post	...	1	1			Hampshire Advertiser ...	...	1	1		
Black and White ...	...	1				Hampshire Chronicle ...	...	1			
Board of Trade Journal	1					Hearth and Home ...	...	1	1	1	1
Bournemouth Graphic...	1	1	1	1	1	Hobbies ...	...	1	1	1	1
British Architect ...	1					Illustrated London News	1	1	1	1	1
						Illustrated Sporting and Dramatic News	...	1			
						Labour Leader ...	...	1	1		1
						Ladies' Field ...	...	1	1		
						Lady ...	...	1	1	1	1
						Lady's Pictorial ...	...	1	1		1
						Municipal Journal ...	...	1	1		
						Musical News ...	...	1			

List of Periodicals—*continued.*

Weeklies.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.	Monthlies.				
						Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
Musical Standard ...	1					Army List ...	1	†1		
Nation ... ...	1	1		1		Bookman ...	1	†1		
Nature ... ...	1	*1				Boy's Own Paper ...		1	1	
Newcastle Weekly Chronicle	1					Captain ... ...	1			
Notes and Queries ...	1					Cassell's Magazine ...		1	1	1
Outlook ... ...		1	1			Cassier's Magazine ...	1	†1		
Patent Office Journal ...	1					Century Magazine ...	1	1	†1	
Photography ...		1	1			Chambers' Journal ...	1	1	†1	
Pitman's Journal ...	1					Chums ... ...	1			1
Punch ... ...		1	1	1	1	Connoisseur ... ...		1		
Queen ... ...		1	1			Contemporary Review ...	1	1		†1
Saturday Review ...		1				English Illustrated ...		1	†1	
Scientific American ...	1	1				English Review ...	1			
Shipping Gazette and Lloyd's Weekly Summary						Fortnightly Review ...	1	1	†1	
Sketch ... ...	1	1	1	1	1	Girl's Own Paper ...		1		
Sphere ... ...		1	1	1	1	Harper's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1
Spectator ... ...		1	1	*1		Journal of Education ...	1	†1		
Stage ... ...		1	1			Knowledge ... ...	1	1		1
Tatler ... ...		1				Lady's Realm ... ...	1	1	†1	†1
Times Weekly Edition	1	1				Literary World ... ...		1	1	
T.P.'s Weekly ...		1	1	1	1	London Magazine ...		1	1	1
Truth ... ...		1	1	1	1	Munsey Magazine ...	1			
Weekly Scotsman ...	1					Musical Observer ...		1		
Western Gazette ...		1	1	1	1	National Review ...		1		
Westminster Gazette. (Saturday edition)				1	1	Navy List ... ...	1	†1		
Yorkshire Weekly Post	1					Nineteenth Century ...	1	1	†1	
<b>Bi-Weekly.</b>						Pall Mall Magazine ...	1	1	1	1
University Correspondent	1					Pearson's Magazine ...	1	1	1	1
<b>Monthlies.</b>						Railway Magazine ...	1			†1
[Those marked (†) are transferred at end of month].						Review of Reviews ...	1	1	1	1
Agricultural Economist	1					Royal ... ...		1		
Art Journal ... ...	1					Studio ... ...	1	1		1
						Scribner's Magazine ...	1	1	†1	†1
						Selborne Magazine ...	1			
						Strand Magazine ...	1	1	1	1
						T.P.'s Magazine ...	1			
						Windsor Magazine ...	1	1	1	1
						Woman at Home ...	1	1		1
						Woodworker ...	1	1	1	1
						World's Work ...	1	1	†1	1

**List of Periodicals—continued.**

Bi-Monthly.		Quarterlies.									
		Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.	Central.	Boscombe.	Springbourne.	Westbourne.	Winton.
British Printer ...	... 1						Edinburgh Review*	... 1	1	1	
							Hibbert Journal	... 1	1	1	
							Science Progress	... 1	1		
							Quarterly Review*	... 1			

\* Three months' old.

**Number of Ratepayers and Non-Ratepayers  
on the Borrowers' Register.**

Ratepayers—		1911.	1910.	Increase or Decrease.
Central ..	...	1380	1174	+ 206
Boscombe ..	...	822	791	+ 31
Springbourne ..	...	194	225	— 31
Westbourne ..	...	107	91	+ 16
Winton ..	...	365	333	+ 32
Non-Ratepayers—				
Central ..	...	3625	3273	+ 352
Boscombe ..	...	2364	2215	+ 149
Springbourne ..	...	798	908	— 110
Westbourne ..	...	315	287	+ 28
Winton ..	...	912	834	+ 78
Totals ..	...	10882	10131	Increase 751

**Students' Extra Tickets issued for Non-Fiction.**

	1911.	1910.	Increase.
Central Library ...	855	803	+ 52
Branch Libraries ...	674	500	+ 174
Totals ...	1529	1303	Increase 206

## List of Donors, 1911.

Name of Donor,	No. of Volumes	Name of Donor.	No. of Volumes.
Anonymous ... ...	9	Liddiard, J. E., Esq., F.R.G.S. ... ...	120
Australia, Commonwealth of ... ... ...	5	Lombard, Mons. L. ...	1
Australia, Commissioner for ... ... ...	3	Marsden, V. E., Esq. ...	7
Blenheim, H., Esq. ...	3	Martin, Mrs. Reid ...	41
Bournemouth Christian Scientists ... ...	1	Master Cotton Spinners, International Federation ... ... ...	1
Bournemouth Natural Science Society ...	2	Mather & Crowther, Ltd. ...	1
British Museum (Natural History) ... ...	6 & phs	Maude, Mrs. ... ...	1
British South Africa Company ... ...	1	Merchants Venturer's College... ... ...	1
Browne, T. B., Esq. ...	1	Merrell, Miss ... ...	14
Cardiff Public Libraries...	2	Merson, W., Esq., M.D. ...	1
Donajowski, Mr. E. ...	pr'l's of music.	Miller, Miss ... ...	6
Emigration, Assistant Superintendent of ...	1	Miller, Rev. ... ...	1
Fletcher, Miss ... ...	110	Noble, A., Esq. ... ...	1
Fort, Miss ... ...	1	Norton, F. C., Esq. ...	3
Garland, Miss ... ...	58	Oney, H., Esq. ... ...	1
Hartley University College	4	Paton, Messrs. J. & J. ...	1
Health Resorts Development Association ...	77	Peace Society ... ...	1
Heaton & Robinson, Ltd.	1	Perth (Australia) Public Library ... ...	2
Heaton, W. J., Esq. ...	1	Prior, C., Esq. ... ...	8
Hill, Miss... ... ...	4	Ransome, A., Esq., M.A., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.S.	1
Hume, J. K., Esq., B.A....	1	Rooper, Miss ... ...	12
Humphreys, Mrs. Desmond	2	Shaw, A. Capel, Esq. ...	3
Incorporated Accountants, Society of ... ...	1	Smithsonian Institution...	8
Library of Congress ...	1 & phs	Squire, W. B., Esq. ...	1
		Strong, Sir Vesey ...	1
		Swedenberg Society ...	5
		Sydenham, Miss... ...	21
		Turner, Miss ... ...	15

## Reports.

Reports were received from the following Libraries:—

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